

# ST. LUCIE COUNTY TRIBUNE.

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FORT PIERCE, ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA, FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 1905.

\$1.00 A YEAR

## DONATE LOT FOR A HALL

Improvement Society will Have a Splendid location.

## LOTS WERE EXCHANGED

School Board Gets Lot Between School House and River—Town Hall North of School.

A special meeting of the town council was held Tuesday evening to consider the proposition of the Fort Pierce Improvement society, in which they asked for the donation of a lot on which to erect their town hall and club room. On account of the absence of a definite proposition in writing from the society, the council adjourned until Wednesday evening.

At this meeting President F. H. Fee presided, and in the absence of the clerk Fred Fee acted in that capacity. The president in a brief address stated the object of the meeting.

Attorney C. T. McCarty then presented the following communication from the Improvement society.

To the Town Council of the Town of Fort Pierce, St. Lucie County, Fla.:

The Fort Pierce Improvement club, an organization conceived and organized solely for the good of the town and surrounding country, submits the following proposition to the town council of the town of Fort Pierce.

First. It is the desire and purpose of the improvement club to erect somewhere in the said town of Fort Pierce a substantial town hall to be used for social, literary, educational, and other gatherings, for societies, entertainments, bazaars, etc., and for general public purposes. To obtain this end it has thought best to incorporate the club, as it would give it a more fixed and permanent character, enable it to sell stock and get funds for use on the said building, to raise some money if needed, to provide for the permanency and stability of the club, and give it legal officers and secure its perpetuity. In conjunction with its charter it has a set of by-laws covering all the details of membership, dues, etc.

While nominally a corporation for profit, it is well understood by its officers, contributors, friends and shareholders that it is nominal that there will in all probability never be any dividends, and its stockholders are actuated by benevolent motives only in providing the funds for the erection of the building. Its officers all serve without salaries and none are provided for anyone connected with it or working for or with it.

Second. For many reasons its officers and committees decided that the lot north of the public school building offered the most desirable location for the town hall the improvement club proposes to build, the committee on site, of the club, called on the board of public instruction of St. Lucie county, Florida, and said board agreed to convey to the town of Fort Pierce the point of land north of the school house on certain conditions, which conditions are contained in the proposition of the school board now in the possession of the town council and to which reference is made.

Third. If the arrangement above referred to is carried out between the board of public instruction and the town council of the town of Fort Pierce, the Fort Pierce Improvement club makes to the latter the following proposition:

The Fort Pierce Improvement club hereby agrees to pay the cost of grading as provided by the proposition of the board of public instruction to the town council of the town of Fort Pierce, Fla. This grading to be done under the supervision of the proper committee of the town council, and the improvement club paying to the town the actual cost of the same. This condition the Fort Pierce Improvement club binds itself and its officers to perform.

Fourth. This cost of grading the improvement club aforesaid contracts and agrees to pay in consideration of the conveyance to said improvement club by good and sufficient deed to pass the title of the town of Fort Pierce, by the town of Fort Pierce to said corporation of a tract of land 60 feet wide, facing west on Pine street, immediately east of and abrest of the east end of Tropical avenue and extending eastward from Pine street a distance of 150 feet.

Fifth. In order to accomplish the conveyance to the improvement club aforesaid of the said lot, it becomes necessary for the town council of the town of Fort Pierce to accept the offer of the board of public instruction of St. Lucie county, Fla., and to take deed from the said board of public instruction to the triangular tract of land belonging to said board, lying northwest of the school house and to convey to the board of public instruction the tract designated in the proposition of the board of public instruction to the town council. This the improvement club hereby requests the town council to accomplish and the said club hereby

agrees to pay the cost of the execution of all deeds needed to bring about the conveyance to said club of the lot aforesaid, and to pay the cost of recording all deeds. The expenses aforesaid the club agrees to pay on presentation of proper bills.

Sixth. The improvement club hereby requests the town council of the town of Fort Pierce, Fla., that it authorize by resolution, its proper officers to consummate the purposes herein expressed and to convey as speedily as possible to said club aforesaid the tract or lot of land herein described.

B. A. MIDDLEBROOKS, Vice-President.  
Attest: DAISY F. HORTON, Secretary.

The following resolution was presented by A. C. Dittmar. After considerable discussion was put to a vote and carried. Councilman Jas. E. Andrews voted "No."

Resolved, That the town council of the town of Fort Pierce sell and transfer to the Fort Pierce Improvement club a tract of land fronting 60 feet on Pine street and running east 150 feet; in consideration of which said Improvement club agrees to pay the cost of the execution of all deeds needed to bring about the conveyance to said club of the lot aforesaid, and to pay the cost of recording all deeds. The expenses aforesaid the club agrees to pay on presentation of proper bills.

## CROWN SHEET WAS BLOWN OUT OF "36"

Quite a serious accident happened Tuesday about noon a few miles north of here on engine 36 of the south bound freight train when a plate in the boiler just over the firebox, known as the crown sheet, blew out. The fire was instantly extinguished and the explosion loosened the ashpan and did other damage.

Fireman Gordon Thomas caught part of the force of the escaping steam and his arms were badly scalded. He leaped from the engine and in falling was otherwise injured.

Brakeman Seth Rhodes had a knee scalded, which will necessitate his laying off for several days. No one else was hurt.

An engine was sent from here and the disabled train was brought in. Mr. Thomas was placed in the care of Dr. Vanlandingham. Though his injuries were very painful they were not at all dangerous and he was able to make the trip to St. Augustine to enter the hospital there.

## Narrowly Escaped Drowning.

A catastrophe was narrowly averted Tuesday morning about 9 o'clock when Mayor Gladwin's little daughter, Margaret, in running hurriedly out on the dock at his place, lost her footing and fell overboard in water that was quite deep. Her brother, Stephen, who was in a boat not far away, hurried to her assistance, but before he could reach her she had sunk for the second time and was nearly unconscious. Mrs. Gladwin soon succeeded in resuscitating her and she is now but little the worse for the experience. If her brother had not been near she would, beyond a doubt, have drowned.

## A Midnight Blaze.

The house owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Carlton and occupied at the time by Harry Olmstead and Will Merritt, was burned to the ground early last Friday morning. The cause of the fire is not positively known, but it is thought that a mosquito "smudge" was responsible. The blaze started about one o'clock and was well under way before the occupants of the house were awakened. They had only time to save themselves, and practically all of the furniture, including a valuable piano, was destroyed. But for a favoring wind, other houses would doubtless have caught.

## Gone to Wisconsin.

G. A. Frost and family were passengers on yesterday's northbound train en route to Gillett, Wis., where they will reside for the present. Mr. Frost is a prominent attorney of Titusville, and was a candidate for prosecuting attorney for Brevard county at the last primary election. He has disposed of his home in Titusville to Adenmar Brady, and his office to Oscar A. Stewart. Mr. Frost has just recovered from a serious attack of typhoid fever and is in hopes that a change to a northern climate will benefit his health. He may return to Florida after a year.

## New Advertisements.

New and changed advertisements in this issue of THE TRIBUNE are as follows:

Legal—Road Petition, First district ..... Page 3  
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Legal—Application for tax deed ..... Page 3  
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## Big Tarpon Caught.

The champion tarpon of the season was captured last Monday by Messrs. Louis and Frank Depew near Tucker's cove. It tipped the scales at 123 pounds and furnished all the sport the fishermen were looking for.

## Big Baseball Game.

The big baseball game of the season will be played this afternoon at Jensen and the Miami and Jensen nines. A large party from Fort Pierce will be on hand to witness the game.

Fresh shipment of cereals at Goldsmith grocery.

## PRODUCTIVE ST. LUCIE!

Development and Possibilities of North Part of County.

## COULD SUPPORT MANY

Interesting Descriptive Article of the Resources of the Upper Part of St. Lucie County.

Although more thinly settled than the regions around Fort Pierce or Jensen, the northern portions of St. Lucie county are fully as well qualified to support a population, consisting as they do of some of the finest orange, pineapple and vegetable lands on the coast. Beginning at the northern boundary, the Sebastian river, the land is of the high, sandy character, thickly covered with pine, hickory and scrub undergrowth, which is recognized as the standard for pineapple culture, and at the same time is well adapted for citrus fruits. Here, at Roseland, are some very valuable orange groves, those owned by L. C. Moore and Col. Ruffner being worthy of mention.

Three miles south of Roseland is Sebastian. The land is of the same character and many oranges are grown here. Some of the more important groves are those owned by R. G. Hardee, Jas. A. Groves and Paul Kroegel. Mr. Kroegel's place is situated partly on an immense shell mound and embraces some rich vegetable land. Indian river at this point forms Sebastian bay, which is several miles wide. Important fishing interests are centered here.

Wabasso is situated some six miles south of Sebastian. It is one of the pleasantest locations on the river and is remarkable for the intelligent and progressive class of people who have always been attracted here. E. A. Holt is one of the few hereabouts who have taken up seriously the culture of pines. Two years ago Mr. Holt planted two acres of pines between rows of orange trees. The past season he shipped from the patch 135 boxes of fruit. This field was planted as an experiment; Mr. Holt's time being mainly occupied with a prosperous fish business, and its success is very gratifying, as the object was to demonstrate the fitness of the soil and to attract the attention of would-be planters to this favored locality. The plants are as fine as any others of equal age in the county.

Part of the country here is flat pine land, rich and well adapted for oranges. Promising groves on this soil are those owned by E. E. Smith and J. R. Leatherman. Mrs. A. M. King has a number of fine trees, from which has been shipped a great deal of fruit.

It is doubtful if any grove on the coast makes a finer showing than that owned by Frank Forster, situated on the east side of the river. Mr. Forster has some twenty or thirty acres of bearing trees on rich hammock land, all in the pink of condition, and each season he ships many hundred boxes of fruit, which is of extra fine quality.

The rich soil and the protection from cold afforded by the river makes this a good locality for gardening. There are a number engaged in growing vegetables for the northern market, and it is not an uncommon occurrence to clear from \$500 to \$1,000 during the season on string beans alone.

Extending several miles down the river is the famous Narrows region. For many years most of the green beans shipped north in the dead of winter have been grown here. Prices received occasionally range as high as \$10 and even \$15 per crate.

At Toledo W. H. Wigfield has a large bearing grove and one of the best paying citrus nurseries on the coast. E. V. Walker has 600 young trees on rich hammock land, from which he will ship fruit this season.

At Gifford the colored people have thrifty orange groves, pineapple plantations and vegetable farms. They are intelligent and industrious and are making their farms pay.

Vero and Oslo are situated less than 20 miles north of Fort Pierce. The soil at these places is of varied character and is all fertile. The low lands are underlaid with clay and marl soils and are suited for the culture of all classes of fruits and vegetables. This is made more evident by the luxuriant natural growths. The late H. T. Gifford was one of the pioneers of these parts, and accumulated a large and valuable estate. Persimmons, citrus and other fruits were grown by him in large quantities, and his example has stimulated numbers of others to similar effort.

Though the pineapple industry may be said to be as yet in its infancy in this section, the fact is not due to a lack of suitable soil. Messrs. A. O. Helseth, E. Helseth and O. O. Helseth, of Oslo, have very promising fields, from which they will next season make large shipments.

## Rosebuds vs. Eau Gallie

Last Saturday morning the Rosebuds left on the morning train for Eau

Gallie, where they played the base ball team of that town in the afternoon. Owing to the lateness of the hour in starting the game was not finished, the score at the end of the eighth inning standing 4 to 2 in favor of Eau Gallie. Our boys are quite sure they would have won had the game been finished, as they were batting the Eau Gallie pitcher all over the field. The Rosebuds are complaining of the treatment received at the hands of the boys of Eau Gallie, for instead of the usual good wishes and goodbyes they were hooted, but they promise to show that Fort Pierce people will treat them all right when they come to see us again. This leaves a game to the credit of each team and the Rosebuds are hoping to have the third, as they believe it will go to them by a good margin.

## Work Soon to Commence Again.

It is understood that the irregularities which seem to have existed in the title to the ice factory property have been adjusted and work will begin Monday or Tuesday. Owners and public alike have been very impatient at the delay and everyone will be glad to see operations resumed.

## ST. LUCIE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MET

School Board met Monday, Aug. 7th at the school house in Fort Pierce. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The following assignments were then made:

Fort Drum—John Ransom.  
Midway—Miss Carrie Matchett.  
Orangedale—Miss Maggie Russell.  
Eldred—Miss Una Miller.

On motion Chairman W. J. Nesbitt and J. M. Orrel were appointed a committee to confer with a committee of the ladies of the Improvement society in reference to an exchange of property owned by the school board and town in order to secure a suitable location for the town hall.

On motion the secretary was instructed to advertise for bids for the transportation of pupils.

The 18th of September was named as the date for opening the schools at Fort Pierce and Jensen, and the 11th for opening school at Sebastian.

The secretary informed the board that the Brevard county school board would meet them on Tuesday to settle all matters between the two boards.

Tuesday morning the board proceeded to Titusville and at a joint meeting of the two boards all business matters were settled. This Board gave its warrant for its share of the indebtedness of the old board, and received warrants covering the amount due it on account of special tax school districts 2, 3 and 4.

A deed and bill of sale was made and signed by the Brevard county board transferring all the school property in St. Lucie county to the St. Lucie county board, and the school books and supplies on hand were equally divided.

Board returned to Fort Pierce Wednesday evening and met at the school house Thursday morning for a concluding session.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

In compliance with Section 3, Chapter 432, Laws of Florida, we hand you the following itemized statement of all monies handled by the school board of St. Lucie county, Fla., for the month ending July 31, 1905:

RECAPITULATION.	
Balance in treasury, as per last statement	\$ 0.00
Receipts for month	0.00
Warrants outstanding this date	1,993.05
Warrants outstanding, as per last report	0.00
Total warrants drawn this month	1,993.05
Cash in hands of treasurer, this date	0.00
Other indebtedness	0.00
Total	\$ 1,993.05

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.	
Susie C. Wigfield, teaching No. 4 (2 mos)	\$ 70.00
Georgia Slater, teaching No. 3	40.00
Ella Wigfield, teaching No. 3	35.00
E. G. Gustafsen, repairs at No. 9	2.55
G. E. Dutton, hauling seats, No. 9	1.00
Dittmar & McCarty, insurance on school buildings and contents	331.70
C. P. Platts, salary of superintendent	50.00
C. P. Platts, traveling expenses of superintendent	11.20
B. F. Hardesty, per diem and mileage, member of board	44.80
J. M. Orrel, per diem and mileage, member of board	43.00
W. J. Nesbitt, per diem and mileage, member of board	35.20
C. P. Platts, postage, express, etc	5.96
H. & W. B. Drew Co., warrant books	16.00
St. Lucie County Tribune, printing and stationery	24.75
Treasurer of Brevard county, share of indebtedness of old board	1,271.80
John Henry, services as accountant	10.00
J. M. Orrel, express on supplies	.65
Total	\$ 1,993.05

Attest: W. J. NESBITT, Chairman.  
C. P. PLATTS, Secretary.

## Sandstone Brick Are Alright.

Messrs. Ronald & Fiske, after making careful inquiries as to the merits of the different kinds of brick, have fully satisfied themselves that the SANDSTONE BRICK made by the E. W. Bond Co., Lake Helen, Fla., and sold by the East Coast Lumber & Supply Co., are O. K. and they have placed the order for 70,000 of these brick for the construction of their new building at Cocoa. These brick are fast taking the place of the common clay brick and as soon as everyone is satisfied that they are no longer an experiment they will be used exclusively in this section.

Why bake cake this hot weather when you can get such fine crackers at Goldsmith's grocery.

O. Evens, of Oslo, was a visitor in town last Saturday and Sunday.

## TAX BOOKS DELIVERED

Special Meeting of County Commissioners was Held.

## ASSESSMENTS LOWERED

In a Few Cases Before the Books Were Delivered to Assessor—Adjourn to September.

The Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie county met in special session at Fort Pierce, August 14, 1905. Present, W. R. Hardee, chairman, P. Kroegel, K. B. Raulerson, J. F. Bell and R. D. Holmes, with R. W. Lennard, sheriff and J. E. Fultz, clerk.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved as corrected.

On motion of Commissioner Bell the sheriff is instructed to investigate a complaint made by the citizens of White City, relative to unlawful use of the public road, by parties hauling loads which greatly exceed in weight those which public roads are intended to be used for, and if he finds same complaint well founded that he take such steps as may be necessary to stop same as provided by law.

On motion petition of T. B. Hilliard, T. P. Brown, et al. of White City and Fort Pierce, was returned for correction.

Notary public bond of F. Charles Gifford, with A. C. Dittmar and C. M. Horton as sureties, and J. E. Andrews and H. E. Milton as witnesses, was approved.

Bond of W. A. Belk as principal with Reuben Carlton and Chas. A. Killer as sureties to carry a Colt's revolver, No. 96613, approved.

Moved and carried that St. Lucie county pay \$5 per month for maintaining ferry across Sebastian river at Rose-land.

Board adjourned to 7 a. m., Tuesday, August 15th. Present, W. R. Hardee, chairman, P. Kroegel, K. B. Raulerson, J. F. Bell, and R. D. Holmes, with R. D. Lennard sheriff and J. E. Fultz clerk.

THE TRIBUNE's bid for printing 1,500 card 5 1/2x3 1/2 and 500 cards 6x5 1/2 for tax assessor's notices for \$5 was accepted.

Sheriff investigated complaint made from White City relative to damage done on public road by persons hauling over same, and reports that no damage is being done as complained.

On motion the tax books of St. Lucie county was taken up and the following reductions were made.

Platt & McCarty, lots 3 and 4, subd. of lots 1 and 6, of SE quarter of NE quarter of SW quarter of Sec. 28, Tp. 34, R. 40, containing 46 acres, reduced from \$1,000 to \$700.

Wade H. Jones, lots 4 and 9, subd. of lots 1 and 6 of SE quarter, and NE quarter of SW quarter of Sec. 28, Tp. 34, R. 40, consisting of 46 acres, reduced from \$1,000 to \$700.

M. S. Quay estate, part of lot 6 book T, page 611, of Sec. 28, Tp. 34, R. 40, containing 6 acres, reduced from \$500 to \$250.

M. S. Quay estate, N 11 acres of lot 1, Sec. 33, T. 34, R. 40, reduced from \$10,000 to \$8,000.

Mrs. Lizzie B. McCarty, lots 4 and 6 of block 6 of Edgartown, Sec. 10, Tp. 35, R. 40, reduced from \$150 to \$100.

Grace A. Holmes, 2 acres described in book P. P. page 56, reduced from \$100 to \$50.

On motion the tax books of St. Lucie county were turned over to tax assessors of said county.

On motion Judge Andrews is authorized to transcribe probate records from Brevard county over which St. Lucie county has jurisdiction.

On motion the following vouchers were approved and audited and warrants ordered to be drawn for the same:

GENERAL FUND.	
Paul Kroegel, county commissioner and mileage	\$ 25.80
K. B. Raulerson, county commissioner and mileage	47.60
J. F. Bell, county commissioner and mileage	51.60
W. R. Hardee, county commissioner and mileage	59.40
R. D. Holmes, county commissioner and mileage	46.80
J. E. Fultz, salary, July	30.00
R. W. Lennard, waiting on board	12.00
John Henry, apportioning valuations and adjustment of accounts between St. Lucie and Brevard counties	25.00
W. S. Norwood, furnishing registration records	19.00
J. O. Fries, fixing boundaries across Fleming grant	5.00
A. A. Stewart, certified copy of Fort Pierce and White City roads	1.25
Fort Pierce News, description of boundaries	11.50
J. E. Fultz, bill sundries, as per statement attached	11.97
P. A. McMillan, transcribing assessment book and waiting on county commissioners	75.10
Mrs. Christensen, account Hall Talmadge, pauper	15.00
ROAD FUND, DISTRICT NO. 1.	
Ivy Lawson, balance contract Sebastian to Roseland and Sebastian to south boundary district	15.00
ROAD FUND, DISTRICT NO. 2.	
J. S. Keen, road work	3.00
ROAD FUND, DISTRICT NO. 3.	
E. C. L. & S. Co., lumber for bridge	1.09
FEEDING PRISONERS FUND. (F. & F. FD.)	
R. W. Lennard, feeding prisoner	2.40

On motion board adjourned to meet the first Monday in September.